THE KERALA SOAP INSTITUTE, CALICUT—*cont.*

Manufacturing account for the quarter ending 30th June 1924.

——	Vegetol soap.	Washwell soap.	Toilet soap.	Yellow bar soap.	Deepa brand soap.	Fish-oil soft soap.	Fish-oil r[...] soap.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A[...]
To Stock in process of manufacture.	386 0 9	29,993 3 4	544 2 11	..	..	..	..
,, Raw materials, fire-wood, etc., used.	2,782 10 1	3,560 9 7	895 3 6	30,801 1 7	38 3 8	1,348 4 7	416 [...]
,, Wages	33 14 4	347 7 9	37 8 3	645 11 0	9 6 9	38 1 0	15 1[...]
,, Factory overheads ..	251 4 2	3,209 12 7	91 2 2	2,622 2 4	5 14 0	353 2 2	101 [...]
Total ..	3,453 13 4	37,111 1 3	1,568 0 10	34,068 14 11	53 8 5	1,739 7 9	533 [...]
By Scraps, etc., used for other soaps.	786 1 6	994 10 0	29 0 4		..	..	..
,, Finished soaps sent to Stores.	2,667 11 10	10,646 11 4	101 15 0	22,070 10 9	..	1,707 15 0	533 [...]
,, Stock in process of manufacture.	..	25,469 11 11	1,437 1 6	11,998 4 2	53 8 5	31 8 9	..
Total ..	3,453 13 4	37,111 1 3	1,568 0 10	34,068 14 11	53 8 5	1,739 7 9	533 [...]

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know the reasons why his enquiries were specially directed to the subject of the restriction on podu cultivation ? "

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" As a detailed enquiry into the general grievances of the people of the locality had already been made, he was apparently assigned only this particular duty."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I take it therefore that he made a long and detailed enquiry into other things ? "

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" I do not think the assumption is correct. Other officers had made the wider enquiry and it was presumably left to the junior officers to make the detailed investigation of this side of the case."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I ask the hon. the Home Member whether, apart from the detailed enquiry by senior officers, he can tell us whether the people had any other grievance ? "

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" I think, Sir, that question has already been answered. There were various allegations regarding the misconduct of certain subordinate officers, impressment of labour and so on. These were first of all enquired into by Mr. Henderson and afterwards by Mr. Rutherford and the people examined by them stated that they had no grievances."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" The hon. the Home Member said that people examined by them stated that they had no grievances. May I ask on what principle people were selected for examination ? "

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" I am afraid I have no information."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I ask the hon. the Home Member to call for the information ? Because, it is quite possible that people who had been selected to appear before the officer might have said on account of fear that they had no grievance."

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" I must emphatically repudiate the hon. Member's suggestion that officers conducting such enquiries select as witnesses the people who are likely to give the evidence that suits them best."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" In that case, may I know how they come forward ? Is it a case of everybody coming forward and being examined or is it a case of people being selected by some subordinate officer ? "

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" I take it that people willing to be examined come forward of their own accord. To the best of my knowledge that is the case."

Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo :—" May I know if the paucity of lands in the Gudem taluk for agricultural operations is the chief grievance of the people there ? "

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" I am afraid I must ask for notice."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" I should like to know whether the Government have made the promised enquiry into the causes of the fituri."

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" Yes, Sir. An enquiry was made, and to the best of my recollection the result of that enquiry was published in one form or another."

Court of Wards and Zamindars.

Purchase of a house for the Sivaganga zamindar.

* 298 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR : With reference to the answers to question No. 1393 and supplementary question given on 5th December 1924, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) if any inquiry into the circumstances under which an indemnity bond was taken for the purchase of a house for the Sivaganga zamindar has been made;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Sivaganga zamindar is a major and is allowed control over certain matters and the Court of Wards has control over some other matters; if that is so, whether the purchase of a house from funds at his disposal is one of the matters under his control; and

(c) if the answer to the latter part is also in the affirmative, the circumstances that made the Court of Wards purchase a house for the zamindar?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The enquiry promised is being made and answers to further questions will be considered on their receipt.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" Sir, with regard to this question I wish to make a submission for your consideration. Sir, the answer to my question is not complete, seeing that the enquiry referred to therein is pending. May I request you therefore to postpone consideration of this question so that it may not necessitate notice of another question? The enquiry may be completed in a fortnight and seeing that this session is a long one, this question may be kept pending receipt of the report of the enquiry?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I do not know what arrangements the Government make in such cases. I should like to know if there is any settled procedure before I decide what to do."

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" Sir, my answer to that is that the matter is not in the hands of the Government. It is in your hands. Whenever the Government want time to answer a question for which the answer is not ready they have to apply to you. In some cases they send in interim answers as in this case when the report called for is not received. If you, Sir, rule that interim answers are not required, the Government would welcome it."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" If interim answers are made, such questions may be considered to be pending."

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" The Government have n objection to that at all."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I understand what the hon. Member is particular about is, where an inquiry is promised or where it is said that an inquiry is being made, whether the Government *suo motu* will bring the matter up again in the form of an answer. That is what the hon. Member wishes to know."

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The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" I understand that the procedure is that when a promise of inquiry is made in answer to a question, it is open to the hon. Member to put a further question. Unless we definitely promise to lay the papers on the table it has never been understood that a promise to make an inquiry implies placing the papers on the table."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I wish to know what the intention or the practice of the Government is in this matter. If it is the intention and the practice of the Government that where an inquiry is promised the result will not be placed before the House unless it is revived (the hon. Sir Arthur Knapp : Not necessarily) by means of a question, then it will be for me and for the House to take further steps in the matter. I thought that a matter of this kind would be brought up again by the Government *propres motu.*"

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" The present is a special case, inasmuch as we have not answered the question. It thus is not on all fours with the general issue raised. This question I take it is whether further answers to this particular question will be given."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" Tnat is to say whether this question will be treated as pending."

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" That is a matter for your ruling, Sir. If this is treated as pending because that we have not answered the question implies that we will give a further answer."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Particulary because the answer to this question contains the words 'answers to further questions' which I understand are the further questions comprised in this very question, 'will be considered on their receipt.' I think it necessarily implies that the Government will place the whole answer on the table."

Settlements under Criminal Tribes Act.

Religious instruction to the members of the Pallavaram Criminal Settlement.

* 299 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the arrangements, if any, which have been made for the instruction to the members of the Pallavaram Criminal Settlement in the religions in which they were born ;

(*b*) the facilities, if any, afforded to them for the exercise of their religious rites ;

(*c*) whether any compulsion direct or indirect is brought to bear upon them to become Christians ; and

(*d*) the number of conversions among the members of the Settlement ?

A.—(*a*) No arrangements have been made.

(*b*) Each individual has the right to perform his religious ceremonies.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) About twelve members have voluntarily accepted Christianity.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to clause (*a*) of this question, may I ask whether any arrangements are made for Christian missionaries to propagate their religion among the members of the Pallavaram Criminal Settlement ? "

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" I have no information to that effect."